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agencies employed in procurement and distribution, the Government have to increase the price of the foodgrains, but that is inevitable, because in the interests of the Province as a whole, rationing has to be kept up.''

SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are meeting this extra expenditure themselves, or whether it is passed on to the consumers? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" At present it is passed on to the consumer, Sir."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that previously the Government were meeting such expenditure themselves, without passing it on to the consumer? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" Previously also the Government were incurring such expenditure and passing it on to the consumer."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House the following messages received from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly :—

'(1) In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Maintenance of Public Order Bill, 1949 (L A. Bill No. 24 of 1949), as passed by the Assembly on the 10th November 1949, and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.

'(2) In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Bill, 1949, (L.A. Bill No. 25 of 1949,), as passed by the Assembly on the 12th November 1949, and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council."

III.—PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON. PRESIDENT.

I have to announce to the House that under rule 9 of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated the following four members of the Council to be the panel of Chairman for the Eleventh Session of the Council:—

(1) Sri S. Jayaram Reddi.
(2) Mrs. M. N. Clubwala.
(3) Dr. Syed Tajuddin.
(4) Sri R. Ramakrishna Naidu.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) HOUSE COMMITTEE.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Mr. President, Sir, I move—

'*that under rule 143 of the Madras Council Rules, the House do proceed to elect six members to the House Committee according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote in accordance with the regulations made in this behalf by the President.*' "